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During the period prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes in all locations. Trade sentiment was mixed and ranged about steady to weak. Demand was light to fairly good, best where limited features were in progress, and noted as improving by week's end. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums in the longest position. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate while offerings of heavy nest runs continued about adequate to tight with offerings of graded loose shell eggs, especially lighter product were adequate to fully adequate into breaking operations. Liquid demand was mostly moderate to instances good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Offerings for light type fowl were fully adequate to mostly ample. Removal prices were steady at 5 to 11.75.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA
GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Cartoned egg sales were mixed, usually light to fair, and showing improvement for next week. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate while offerings of heavy nest runs continued about adequate to tight with offerings of graded loose shell eggs, especially lighter product, were adequate to fully adequate into breaking channels. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84
LARGE	77-85	78-83
MEDIUM	55-63	58-60

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,
Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone was barely steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums remaining in the longest position. Breaking stock demand was moderate for adequate supplies. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to no better than fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-99	87-90
LARGE	81-96	86-90
MEDIUM	57-72	62-64

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

29-Aug-03

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better,
White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	93.00	92.00	65.50
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	64.00
MIDWEST	88.50	86.50	64.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.50	91.50	65.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	91.32	89.26	64.79

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional
area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS
FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD
BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	09-02-03	08-26-03	09-03-02
Large	60-64	66-70	30-33
Medium	38-40	43-45	12-16

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 01, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	17.3	4.4	11.1	9.5 50.5
	Change	0.1	0.9	-1.4	-0.2	-1.8 -4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	55.6	13.5	20.7	31.4 144.4
	Change	-0.1	2.1	-2.2	3.2	-2.1 1%
Large	Curr Wk	41.8	117.3	71.4	79.0	105.5 415.0
	Change	-13.8	7.9	-6.4	0.1	-0.4 -3%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.2	50.0	17.7	25.5	29.4 137.8
	Change	-1.9	10.5	-2.2	-1.3	3.4 7%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	8.6	2.2	6.1	6.6 28.8
	Change	-1.1	1.5	-0.9	0.0	-0.2 -3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	26.6	4.9	12.5	7.3 55.6
	Change	-0.3	5.4	-1.8	-0.5	0.3 6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.3	39.9	20.8	20.6	34.5 130.1
	Change	2.3	9.7	0.1	-0.6	6.8 16%
Total	Curr Wk	112.3	315.3	134.9	175.5	224.2 962.2
Percent	Change	-12%	14%	-10%	0%	3% 2%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of		
		Cases	Change	Cooperators		

Shell Egg	962.2	2%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	254.7	6%	37

Total Shell Egg	1216.9	2%	209
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous month figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 30-Aug-03

Adjustment made to Liquid white and Inedible for previous week

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,255,064	29,960	11,692	6,262	2,583	4,454
PW	1,226,600	30,193	10,939	5,900	2,367	4,246
LY	1,293,782	29,798	12,079	6,550	3,087	4,657
% CHG PW	2	-1	7	6	9	5
% CHG LY	-3	1	-3	-4	-16	-4
2003	40,387,251	981,867	369,497	202,378	82,746	146,214
2002	42,016,192	976,981	406,326	217,965	100,221	149,515
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.73	41.81	41.03
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.18	38.34	37.43

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending		Week Ending	
	23-Aug 2003	30-Aug 2003	23-Aug 2003	30-Aug 2003
	THOUSAND			
AL	29,056	28,711	22,084	21,812
AR	30,884	30,646	24,485	25,063
DE	4,057	3,837	4,733	5,307
FL	1,354	1,353	1,727	1,716
GA	32,277	31,960	*25,316	26,060
KY	*6,715	6,779	*6,072	5,808
LA	3,845	3,878	3,401	3,601
MD	9,274	9,293	6,539	5,714
MS	18,882	18,327	16,415	16,228
NC	17,570	17,004	14,217	13,924
OK	6,061	6,349	4,325	4,297
PA	*3,735	3,755	*2,819	2,632
SC	4,375	4,635	4,213	4,009
TX	14,479	14,508	11,960	11,958
VA	6,411	6,333	5,190	5,325
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,909	16,044	15,212	14,921
19 State Total:	*205,884	203,412	*168,708	168,375
Previous Year Total:	204,776	204,042	168,773	166,470
Pct. of Prev. Year :	101	100	100	101

*Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 11-Oct-03 is estimated at 155.2 million head. This compares to 155.4 million head the previous week and to 157.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.0 million head and the composite weighted average price 52.97 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 28-SEP 3, 2003

CURRENT LDS 66.25 FUTURE LDS 35.50 TOTAL LDS 101.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	67.00	—	67.10	69.36	—	—	13.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	73.00	75.33	76.88	78.43	70.74	70.00	39.75
GL W LG	—	75.24	75.50	77.07	68.11	69.00	22.50
GL W MD	—	53.00	47.50	49.20	46.78	49.93	14.50
GL W SM	—	—	34.67	36.22	33.00	35.00	4.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	69.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	64.20	65.20	—	68.00	27.25
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	52.00	54.00	—	56.50	2.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 30-Aug-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.6	22.9	3	36
BOSTON	3.3	3.5	-6	-6
CHICAGO	69.5	58.2	19	38
DETROIT	29.6	36.4	-19	9
KANSAS CITY	4.4	4.1	7	5
LOS ANGELES	88.4	78.8	12	4
NEW ORLEANS	11.0	14.0	-21	24
NEW YORK	29.3	28.5	3	-9
ST. LOUIS	17.4	17.3	1	16
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	20.5	12	-2
TOTAL	299.5	284.2	5	12
4 WK MVG AVG	291.7			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-2003

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT	
N EAST	871	-1	20.81	(A)	872
SATL	807	-1	29.14	(A)	808
N CENT	2,269	1	29.82	(A)	2,269
S CENT	475	0	19.61	(A)	475
WEST	555	10	21.29	(A)	555
U.S. TOTAL	4,977(B)	1	26.21	2	4,979
TO-DATE					
2003	162,242(B)			487	162,729
TO-DATE					
2002	161,045(B)			271	161,316

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 93,000; for the year 2,204,000; last year to date 1,749,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 30-Aug-2003

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,027	2,857	93	2	4,979
AVG WT	15.43	33.94	23.72	30.51	26.21
LAST WEEK	2,088	2,761	69	15	4,933
SAME WK YR AGO	2,107	2,748	70	4	4,929
AVG WT	15.16	34.41	24.83	30.01	26.04
TO-DATE/2003	65,103	94,935	2,204	487	162,729
TO-DATE/2002	64,403	94,893	1,749	271	161,316

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 30-Aug-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	162,103	1,229	1,556	2,785	379
AVG WT	5.05	3.64	8.09	6.13	6.58
LAST WEEK	160,560	1,256	1,538	2,794	392
SAME WK YR AGO	165,624	1,848	1,640	3,488	384
AVG WT	4.90	3.34	8.05	5.55	6.42
TO-DATE/2003	5,371,663	53,173	48,654	101,827	14,513
TO-DATE/2002	5,440,868	61,890	48,478	110,368	14,972

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.1 million head or 6.9 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Sep-03

	Current Week 09/06/03(1)	Previous Week 08/30/03
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	141,296(2)	165,127
LT HENS	1,069	1,340
HVY HENS	1,382	1,610
TOTAL	143,747	168,077

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Sep-03 is 156.1 million head compared to 141.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 141.6 million head or 14.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 13-Sep-03 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY 26	159.2	162.6	98%	5.11
AUGUST 2	161.2	162.7	99%	5.14
9	162.8	162.3	100%	5.26
16	163.7	161.7	101%	5.18
23	162.5	160.3	101%	5.19
30	164.1	157.2	104%	5.05
YEAR TO DATE	5437.0	5492.4	99%	
SEPTEMBER 6		156.1		
13		157.1		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 09/01/03-09/05/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	54.00-57.00	57.19	40	59.80	80
Los Angeles	74.00	72.17	60	70.82	127
New York	57.00-60.00	57.48	23	59.51	49

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
2-Sep-03	26-Aug-03	26-Aug-03	3-Sep-02
64.18	0.87	63.31	56.19
NUMBER OF LOADS	555		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				

EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	60-62	60.97	1160

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-61	57-60.5	58.44	2320

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 09/01/03	3,798	221,358	58,470
AM 08/01/03	3,353	217,186	59,026
CHG	445	4172	-556
PCT CHG	13%	2%	-1%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	21 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	756 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	640 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 01-Sep-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.31
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.64

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

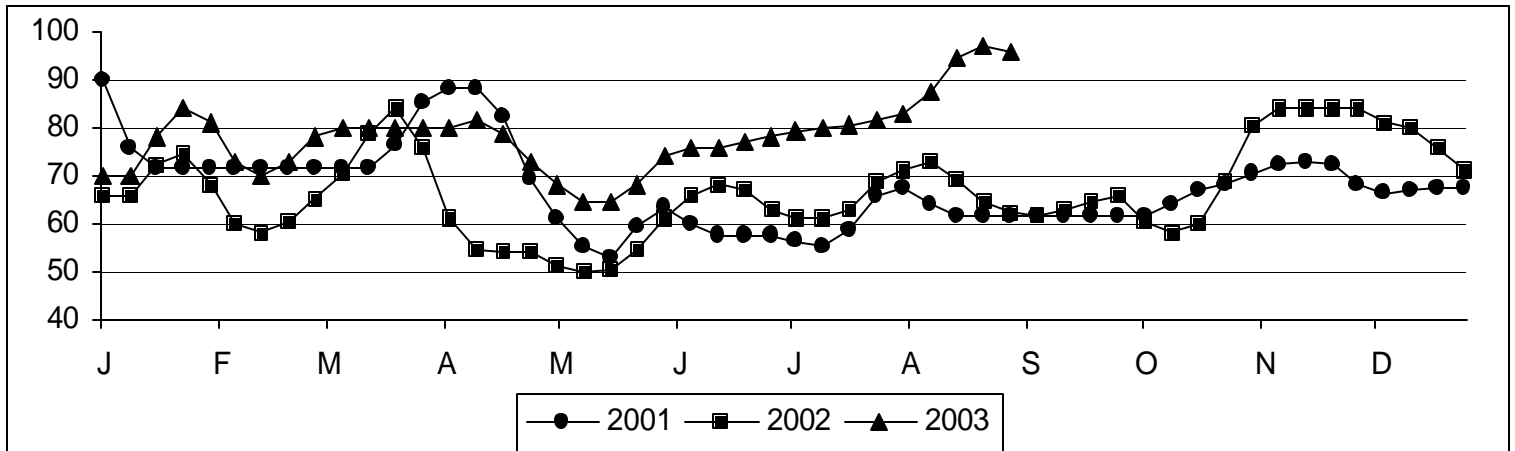
LIGHT TYPE 29-Aug-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	7-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	5-11.75	6.25-10.25

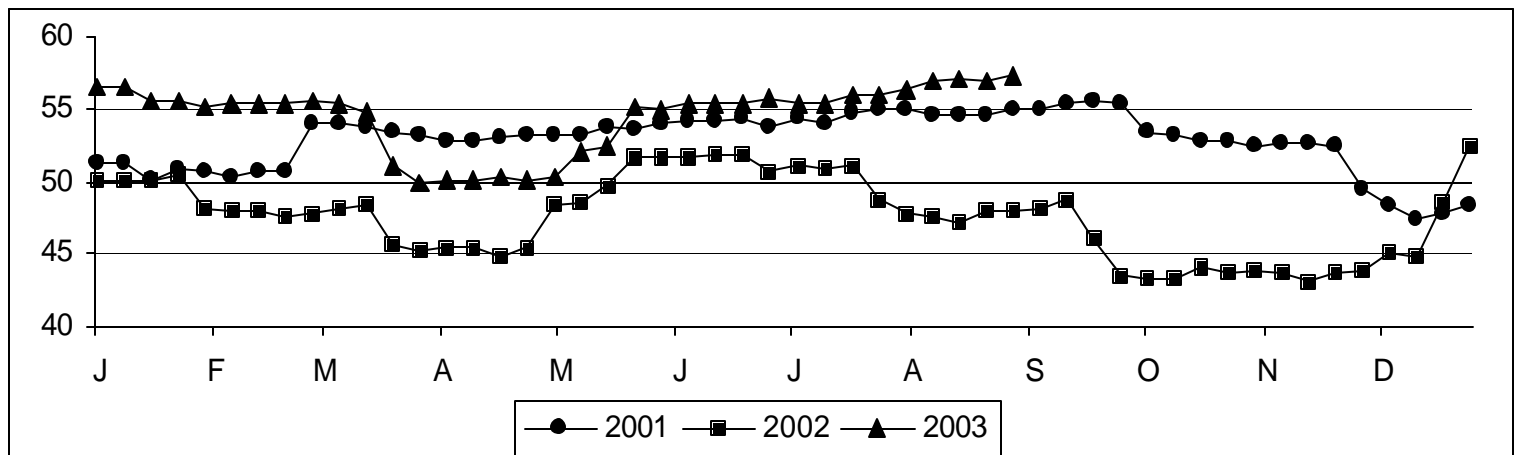
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 30-Aug-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.9	4	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	561.5	1	1
W.N. CENTRAL	287.6	0	4
S. ATLANTIC	174.7	-7	9
S. CENTRAL	98.2	1	17
WEST	184.2	5	-4
TOTAL	1525.1	1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

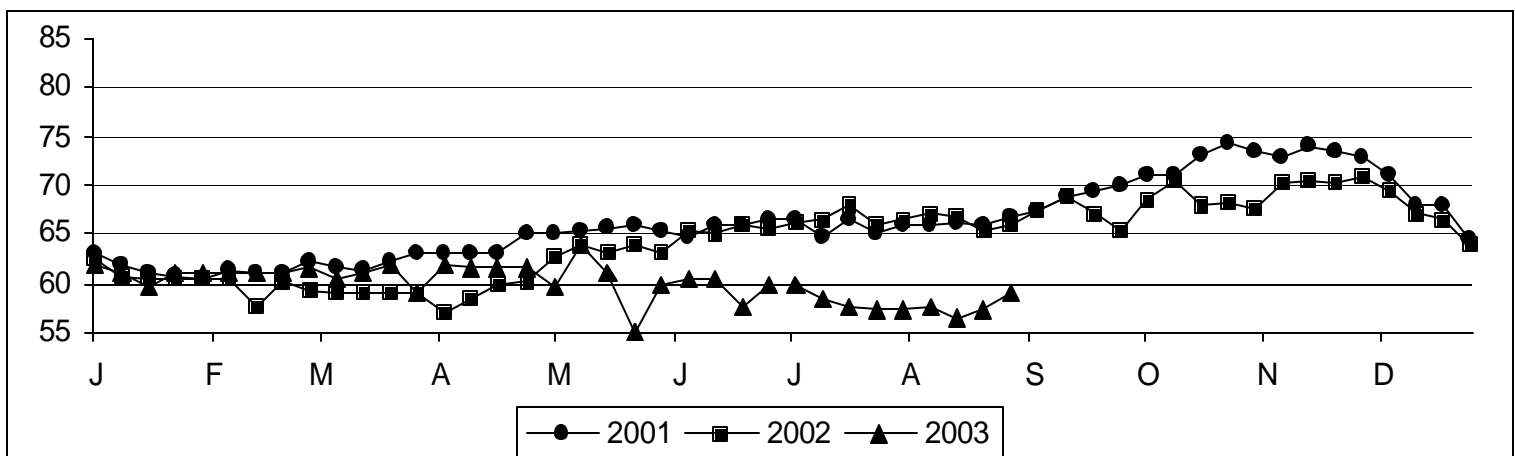
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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